

**ERAP**

*External Research  
Associates Program*

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**U.S. Army War College  
Strategic Studies Institute**

## **The Strategic Studies Institute**

The Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) is co-located with the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and conducts strategic level research as an agent for the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. The Institute's research analysts engage in independent analyses of strategic issues to develop policy recommendations on the nature of land warfare, strategy, planning and policy for joint and combined operations, concepts, philosophy and the theory of strategy and other matters that affect the Army's future and of importance to Army leadership.

### **ERAP: The External Research Associates Program**

Through the External Research Associates Program, SSI funds projects by scholars and defense analysts external to the U.S. military and U.S. Government. The end product of this research most often will be a monograph of 40-50 pages in length that makes concrete recommendations on issues and policies of strategic importance to the Army. Research proposals for projects such as book-length monographs, anthologies and conferences will also be considered.

### **Amount of Funding and Other Kinds of Support**

Funding will correspond to the importance of the monograph, the realistic costs of doing research, and the qualifications of the applicant. Funding will be contractual with payment upon the delivery of an acceptable product. Progressive payments will be considered upon successful completion of established project milestones.

In addition to direct funding of research, the Institute will consider projects in which support is limited to editing, printing and distribution of products.

### **Topics**

Proposals addressing topics at the strategic level and of importance to the Army have the best chance of being accepted. For a list of key topics of interest to the Strategic Studies Institute, visit our website at [www.army.mil/usassi/welcome.htm](http://www.army.mil/usassi/welcome.htm) and select the Key Strategic Issues List. Applicants may select one of these topics, a modified form of the topic, or submit an entirely new topic they may think should be of current or future interest. All proposals will be considered.

## **Eligibility**

Any established civilian scholar is eligible to apply under the ERAP program. Members of the Reserve Components of the U.S. Army and other services are also encouraged to apply as long as the research proposals are not part of their official duties. Additionally, the ERAP does not normally provide support for degree work and most successful applicants will be scholars with established reputations in their respective fields.

## **How to Apply**

Applications must be made under the auspices of the Broad Agency Announcement. Details on how to apply are also located at the SSI website. Basically, proposals for research should contain the following sections: a one-to-two page project abstract explaining the scope of the project and why it is of strategic importance to the Army; biographical sketch of the researcher/researchers; bibliography; technical proposal to include a proposed travel itinerary; a milestone chart from project initiation to completion (usually no later than six months for a monograph and a year for a book-length study); and proposed deliverable. Contract and copyright terms must be listed understanding that the final product will be the property of the U.S. Government. Also include a cover letter stating the necessary technical, logistical and cost information for determining the amount of the requested funding.

To apply send application items to:

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## **Questions**

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